(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. A proposal in this regard has been formulated.

Construction of Stadia in Ghaziabad and NOIDA

†1847. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the cities in addition to Delhi where Government have decided to organize the Commonwealth games; and

(b) whether Government propose to construct stadia of world class in Ghaziabad and NOIDA?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir. The Commonwealth Games 2010 are presently proposed to be held only in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) There is no proposal to construct stadia in Ghaziabad and Noida for Commonwealth Games 2010.

Disabled sportspersons

1848. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sports Authority of India selects talented sportspersons from across the country and imparts them training in various games;

(b) whether disabaled sportspersons have also been selected and trained;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of disabled sports persons so selected *vis-a-vis* the general sportspersons, State-wise and game-wise, especially in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) if not, the other steps being taken to nurture the sports talent among the disabled?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Sports Promotional Schemes, trainees are selected for participation in disciplines that are

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covered under the Olympic, Asian games and Commonwealth games. Sportspersons with disability who are competing in open competitions with other sportspersons are admitted in SAI schemes. This data State-wise and game-wise is not being maintained.

(d) There is provision for assistance to physically and mentally challenged persons who possess standards close to international standards prevalent in recognized tournaments in that sport, through the concerned National Sports Federation.

Expenditure on sportspersons who got training abroad

†1849. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sportspersons sent abroad by Government for training during the last three years;

(b) the criterion for the selection in this regard; and

(c) the percentage of sports budget spent on the training of the sportsmen?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) The number of players sent to foreign countries for training with Government assistance under different schemes of the Ministry is given below:

Scheme	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Till 17.3.05)
Assistance to National Sports Federation (NSF)	150	116	87	187
Scheme Relating To Talent Search & Training	8	13	25	30
National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)	-	5	8	8

(b) Under the scheme of assistance to national sports federations, selection of players/teams for training and participation in international

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